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RE: Onondaga Lake Site History Report

Dear Tim:

You requested that we review the site list included in your letter of February 2, 1996, to determine whether these locations should be addressed in the Site History Report. Of all those listed, the only sites that had any association with operations at the Syracuse Works were the wastebeds and the Semet Residue Ponds. None of the other five discharged directly to Onondaga Lake, or to any tributaries of the lake. The Barrett Paving Terminal was located in close proximity to the lake on State Fair Blvd. As we note below, this site stored tar products in above ground tanks and occasionally shipped these products via barge loading facilities on the shore of Onondaga Lake. With this information in mind, we do not feel that the existing Onondaga Lake RI/FS Site History Report needs to be modified. Nevertheless, we have reviewed all relevant information in our possession and have developed the following comments for your review.

I. Quanta Resources Site

In the period of 1979 - 1981, AlliedSignal (at that time, Allied Chemical) used Environmental Oil Inc. to recycle waste oil. One of the outlets for this oil was Quanta Resources. They were the successor to the Hudson Oil Co., which had oil storage facilities in Syracuse, NY. In a removal action by EPA Region 2, oil in tanks and drums was removed from this former Hudson Oil storage terminal. The oil removed by Environmental Oil from Allied's facilities was sent to the Edgewater, NJ facility.

2. Prestolite Site (ELTRA Corp.)

AlliedSignal acquired the ELTRA Corporation in the early 1980's. The Prestolite Site, on Lamson Street in Syracuse, NY, was a part of ELTRA Corporation and closed operations in the late 1980's. Electric motor manufacturing was the business conducted on this site. Appropriate closure of the manufacturing facility, with post closure sampling, occurred following plant shutdown. The NYSDEC publication, **Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites in New York State, SW - P21, Volume 2, page D7 - 1**, states the following: "Site has been

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investigated and no toxic substances could be confirmed at this site." This site had absolutely no connection to the Syracuse Works.

3. Barrett Paving Site

Barrett Paving was a subsidiary of the Semet-Solvay Division of Allied Chemical Corporation, predecessor to AlliedSignal. There were two Barrett facilities in the Syracuse area. One of the sites produced bituminous concrete and was inside the perimeter of the Jamesville Quarry. That site is still in operation but not owned by Allied. The other location was on State Fair Blvd. in Syracuse, NY, and functioned as a terminal for roof and road tars. All of the original storage tanks were removed from the site. This terminal exists under new ownership as Penn Can Road Materials, Inc. Neither of the two sites had any connection with the manufacturing facilities in Solvay, NY. The State Fair Blvd. terminal did have barge loading facilities on the lakeshore adjacent to the overhead conveyor across NYS Route 690.

4. Industrial Landfill (Mathews Avenue)

The Mathews Avenue landfill was a NYSDEC Part 360 permitted construction/demolition debris disposal site used by the Syracuse Works. AlliedSignal applied for closure of this landfill in 1988 under the NYSDEC Part 360 guidance. Additional soil samples were requested and a brief investigation involving test pit sampling was completed in 1990. There are some levels of mercury and chlorobenzene compounds in the fill materials on this site, but well below TCLP regulatory levels. Region 7 Solid Waste personnel were acting as oversight on this investigation. Since we submitted information in 1990, no action was ever taken on our closure request. The site is bordered by the former Erie Canal on the north, the now closed Village of Solvay landfill on the west, Boyd Avenue on the south and Belle Isle Road on the east.

5. Alpha Portland Cement Co., Jamesville

In 1979, the Willis Avenue Chlorobenzene/Chlor-alkali Plant was demolished. In November 1978, prior to demolition, AlliedSignal arranged for the disposal of some liquid chlorobenzene/benzene/water mixture that remained in storage tanks at the site. A total of about 12,000 gallons of this mixture was incinerated by Haz -0- Waste, Inc. at the Alpha

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Portland Cement Co. cement kilns in Jamesville, NY. In addition, 26 drums (55 gallon) of a trichloroethylene, grease and water mixture were incinerated at the same site. The disposal of these materials was discussed with, and approved by NYSDEC Region 7 personnel. We have the original approval correspondence for review. Since these items were incinerated as waste fuel, they are not related to the Onondaga Lake history document.

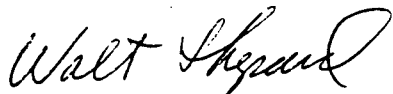
6. Allied Corp. Settling Basins, Town of Geddes

This site listing, which appeared in the NYSDEC publication, **SW-P21: Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites in New York State, Volume 2**, page C-7-17, refers to the wastebeds and the Semet Residue Ponds. The listing is stated as an inventory of 15 inactive and 3 active lagoons, which would indicate that wastebeds 13, 14 and 15 were still in operation at the time the listing was produced. There is no mention of a landfill in the listing. The connection between the wastebeds, the Semet Ponds and Onondaga Lake is well described in the Site History Report.

7. Allied Settling Basins and Landfill, Gere Lock Road, Camillus

The description of this site includes wastebeds 12 through 15, and a sanitary landfill which AlliedSignal operated as a NYS Part 360 permitted landfill in the center of Wastebed #15. Wastebed #15 was operated as two distinct surface impoundments, with eastern and western sections separated by a land barrier in the center. This portion of land served as a landfill area and was permitted to receive office and cafeteria trash, as well as demolition debris. Some discarded laboratory chemicals and dried paint was also disposed in the landfill, and listings for those materials appears in the NYS Right to Know survey which was responded to by AlliedSignal.

Sincerely,



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